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THE AMERICAN STATE REPORTS. Containing the Cases of General Value and Authority. \* \* \* Decided in the Courts of Last Resort of the Several States. Selected, Reported, and Annotated by A. C. Freeman, Vols. 120-124. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company, 1908-1909.

As this set of reports grows older its value increases. Not only is the same good judgment shown in the selection of cases for the later volumes as has been shown in their selection for the earlier ones, but the complete system of reference to notes and decisions to be found in preceding volumes makes it possible for the busy lawyer to trace the development of principles in a surprisingly short time. In nearly every volume, moreover, are to be found new subjects discussed both in the decisions and in the notes. It may not be correct to say that every title of the law is treated in each volume, but we believe that in almost any two or three of them will be found some decision throwing light upon nearly every question that is likely to confront the legal investigator.

Where there is criticism of a decision it is usually well supported by authority and judicious reasoning which ought to be of great assistance to a brief-maker.

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DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COURTS of last resort of the several states from 1904 to 1909 contained in the *American State Reports*, Vols. 97 to 120 inclusive, and of the notes to cases reported therein. By Edmund Samson Green: Vol. 4, San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company, 1909, pp. xxxiii, 1598.

Since Green's three volume digest of the *American State Reports* appeared in 1904, twenty-eight volumes (97-124) of the series have been published, and this fourth volume of the digest covers twenty-four of these additional books.

It is a well-made digest of these volumes and is also an index to the valuable notes contained in them. If one has the *American State Reports* this digest will be necessary to complete their usefulness to him, and even if he is not so fortunate as to have the series, the digest will be found to be of value, for nearly every title is covered and, as the cases selected are important, the searcher for precedents is referred to recent important decisions on almost every legal topic. A complete list of titles and a table of cases indicating volume and page of the official report where each case may be found—make the digest as complete as may be desired.

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THE LAWS OF ENGLAND, BEING A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE WHOLE LAW OF ENGLAND. By the Right Honourable the Earl of Halsbury, and other lawyers. London: Butterworth & Co. Agents for the United States: Cromarty Law Book Co., Philadelphia, Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y. Vols. 2, 3, 4, and 6. (1908-1909).

The publishers announce that the publication of volume V, which is devoted entirely to Company Law, has been deferred owing to the delay that occurred in the passing of the Companies Act. In the four volumes noted in our caption (2-6) seventeen titles are fully treated (*Bankruptcy—Conflict of*